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1. TODMAN, DERIAN AND CONGRESSIONAL VISITS. HEAVY PLAY
DERIAN ACTIVITIES ALL MEDIA. DERIAN PHOTO SHAKING HANDS
WITH ARGENTINE PRESIDENT VIDELA ALL PAPERS. PRENSA,
CLARIN, HERALD FRONT PAGED STORY. ALL FOUR BAIRE TV
CHANNELS AND A NUMBER OF INTERIOR STATIONS CARRIED STILL
SHOTS OF DERIAN MEETING WITH VIDELA.
CRONICA FUESDAY EVENING ASKED DEFINITLY "WHAT IF ARGENTINA
SHOULD INVESTIGATE WHAT GOES IN U.S.?" SAID
TODMAN AND CONGRESS ARE WELCOME "TO SEE AND LISTEN, TO HOLD
DIALOGUE ON EQUAL FOOTING, BUT WE ALSO WISH THEM TO KNOWN
WE ARGENTINES ARE NOT ACCUSTOMED TO BEING CROSS-EXAMINED
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BY ANYONE, FOR ANY REASON WHATEVER." SAID ARGENTINES
"ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS IN GREAT COUNTRY WHICH
PASSES FOR CUSTODIAN OF WESTERN AND CHRISTIAN WAY OF LIFE.
(SUCH DEVELOPMENTS) SCARE US, AND WE WISH OUR DISTINGUISHED
VISITORS TO REPORT ABOUT FLAGRANT ACTS OF GENERALIZED
VIOLENCE, DRUG ABUSE AND SUSTAINED ADVANCE OF
PORNOGRAPHY... SEGREGATION AND ANTI-SEMITIC OUTBURSTS...

ACTIVITIES OF KUKLUX KLAN... ANOTHER PROBLEM IN U.S. IS DAY-BY-DAY GROWTH OF NAZI PARTY..." CONTINUED: "WE ARGENTINE ARE SENSITIVE AND PROUD. WE ARE NOT ANNOYED BY THESE INVESTIGATIVE MISSIONS FOR SIMPLE REASON THAT WE DO NOT BELIEVE WE ARE PERFECT... WE SUGGEST ... AN EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ... IT WOULD BE VERY NICE IF WITHIN A FEW DAS OR MONTHS A GROUP OF ARGENTINES TRAVELED TO U.S. FOR FIRST-HAND OBSERVATION AND DISCUSSION OF UNFORTUNATE THINGS THAT AMERICAN PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT ARE GETTING ACCUSTOMED TO, ESPECIALLY UNBELIEVABLE VIOLENCE IN NEW YORK DURING BLACKOUT..."

BUENOS AIRES HERALD COMMENTS AFTER REPORT ON DERIAN-VIDELA MEETING THAT "A SECOND U.S. MISSION GETS UNDER WAY WHEN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE TERENCE TODMAN ARRIVES HERE ON SATURDAY. AND NEXT WEEK TWO PARTIES OF U.S. SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES ARE DUE HERE. THE CONGRESSIONAL VISIT IS PART OF AN INITIATIVE TO FAMILIARIZE KEY POLITICAL FIGURES IN THE U.S. WITH ARGENTINA'S PROBLEMS AND PROVIDE THEM WITH A BETTER GRASP OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION HERE."

CLARIN EDITORIAL TODAY HEADED "VIDELA HELD DIALOGUE WITH CYRUS VANCE'S ENVOY" NOTES THAT INTERVIEW, JUST LIKE THE OTHER RECENT AND UPCOMING DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS UNDERTAKEN BY THE U.S. "INDICATES U.S. INTENTION TO APPROACH WITH A NEW PERSPECTIVE AND A DIFFERENT INSTRUMENTATION, THE HUMAN RIGHTS THEME. THE IMPLICIT OBJECTIVE IS TO BETTER RELATIONS WITH THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES..."

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OPPOSITE DERIAN STORY, CLARIN PRINGED HEMISPHERE MAP FROM MEXICO SOUTHWARDS SURROUNDED BY CUTS OF CHURCH, YOUNG, DERIAN, LOWENSTEIN AND TODMAN, PINPOINTING "VARIOUS U.S. MISSIONS IN DIPLOMATIC OFFENSIVE THROUGH LATIN AMERICA."

2. VANCE TRIP. NACION EDITORIAL WEDNESDAY SAYS "SECSTATE IS TOURING MIDEAST CAPITALS AND PRESIDENT CARTER'S DIPLOMATIC POLICY GRADUALLY TAKES ON CHARACTERISTICS SIMILAR TO THOSE CARTER ONCE HARSHLY CRITICIZED IN CONNECTION WITH KISSINGER STYLE. FACT IS, LEADERSHIP OF A NATION'S FOREIGN AFFAIRS IS LIKELY TO IMPROVE WHEN IT HAS PRAGMATIC FLEXIBILITY, INDISPENSABLE TO ATTAIN ITS OBJECTIVES; SET FORMULAS IMPOSED UPON IT DO NOT SUIT IT. JUDGING BY EXTERNAL SIGNS, MR. VANCE'S VISITS HAVE MINIMAL POSSIBILITIES (OF SUCCESS). FAILURE APPEARS MORE LIKELY THAN SUCCESS. HOWEVER, ONE SHOULD TRY TO LOOK INTO DEPTH OF DIPLOMATIC MOVES, RATHER THAN STAY ON SURFACE." NACION CONCLUDES THAT AS RESULT OF "SHUTTLE TRIPS," AGREEMENT BETWEEN "IRRECONCILABLE ENEMIES... IS MORE CERTAIN THAN IT IS IMPOSSIBLE."

3. CUBA. PRENSA HAS UP COVERAGE CHURCH VISIT TO CUBA,

LEADING OFF WITH CHURCH TOAST WITH RAULROA. CRONISTA
COMERCIAL VIEWS VISIT AS "PROLOGUE OF FUTURE RELATIONS."
SAYS "PROBABLY CHURCH-CASTRO INTERVIEWS WILL TEND TO
CLAR WAY FILLED WITH OBSTACLES 16 YEARS AGO AND WHICH WILL
BECOME MORE ACCESSIBLE AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, WHEN BOTH
NATIONS SET UP 'OBSERVER' DIPLOMATS IN RESPECTIVE CAPITALS."
CRONISTA QUOTES CHURCH STATEMENT BEFORE SENATE IN 1973
WHEN HE PARALLELED U.S. CHINESE POLICYHEARINGS WITH
CUBA CASE. OPINION HEADS EFE HAVANA STORY "DESPITE ACCOUNTS
PENDING BETWEEN U.S. AND CUBA, CHURCH WILL TRY TO RESTORE
FRIENDSHIP WITH HAVANA."

4. CARTER STYLE. PRENSA'S MARTINEZ MARQUEZ CITES CARTER'S
ATTENDANCE TO BOTH CHURCHES "VYING FOR HIS PRESENCE" AS
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"DEFINITE PROOF OF HIS LACK OF DEFINITION." SAYS
"PRESIDENT'S SPIRIT OF CONCILIATION' HAS FOUND SERIOUS
AND SOMETIMES DANGEROUS OBSTACLES IN CARRYING OUT U.S.
FOREIGN POLICY. HIS 'APPEASEMENT'S STRATEGY HAS
AROUSSED CERTAIN MISTRUST FROM LEADERS OF WESTERN
EUROPE, WHILE FAILING TO PLEASE KREMLIN LEADERS. IT IS
NOT POSSIBLE TO AID AT SAME TIME IN MIDEAST BOTH ARABS
AND ISRAELIS. NO ONE FULLY UNDERSTANDS HOW HE CAN
WITHDRAW TROOPS FROM SOUTH KOREA AND GIVE KOREAN ALLY
ASSURANCE OF DECISIVE AND IMMEDIATE HELP. ITNO EASY,
EITHER, TO EXPLAIN DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS OF HOSE WHO
INTEND TO END HUMAN RIGHTS. AND FIVE PREVIOUS
DEMANDS HE MADE FOR HIS AGREEMENT WITH CUBAN COMMUNISTS
DO NOT JIBE WITH VISIBLE EAGERNESS TO APPROACH FIRST
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC IN AMERICAS." MARTINEZ MARQUEZ
CONTINUES WITH EXCERPTS FROM ANALYSES OF CARTER'S
POPULARITY IN NYTIMES AND NY DAILY NEWS.

5. PANAMA. CRONICA HEADING BOTTOM PAGE 2 PREDICTS
"IMMEDIATE AND TOTAL AGREEMENT COMING UP." NACION
FOUR-COLUMN HEADLINE INSIDE REPORTS "AGREEMENT ON
PANAMA CANAL MAY COME TODAY." OPINION ALSO CARRIES
WIRE STORIES ON IMMINENT AGREEMENT. HIGGINS UNQUOTE
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